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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN FIRM REQUESTS BUNKERING FACILITY AT DIEGO GARCIA

- 1. OFFICIALS OF TANGOV-OWNED TANZANIA FISHERIES CORP (TFC) RECENTLY ASKED US FOR PERMISSION ON ONE-TIME BASIS TO TAKE ON FUEL AT US FACILITIES IN DIEGO GARCIA. TFC HAS PURCHASED TWO VESSELS (60 FOOT) FROM AUSTRALIA AND PLANS SAIL THEM TO TANZANIA IN MAY.
- 2. ACCORDING TFC OFFICIALS, PERMISSION TO PURCHASE FUEL (TOTAL REQUIREMENT OF 20 TONS OF GASOIL) AT DIEGO GARCIA WOULD REWULT IN SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS OVER NEXT BEST ROUTE. THEY CALCULATE THAT DIEGO GARCIA BUNKERING WOULD REDUCE JOURNEY BY 2,000 MILES OR 12 TO 14 DAYS. MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR FINANCIALLY PRESSED TFC IS POTENTIAL SAVINGS OF OVER \$4,000 IN FUEL COSTS.
- 3. AS FAR WE CAN DETERMINE AT THIS TIME, THERE WOULD BE NO SENIOR TANZANIAN OFFICIALS ABOARD. CREW WOULD PROBABLY BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUSTRALIANS AND EXPATRIATE ADVISORS TO TFC. IT THEREFORE DIFFICULT

TO ASSESS PUBLIC RELATIONS BENEFIT THAT MIGHT ACCRUE HERE FROM STOPOVER AT DIEGO GARCIA.

4. PLEASE ADVISE. SPAIN UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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